

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

We are a below "poverty level" family with a disabled mother / wife. We need a cell phone for emergency contact. We can not get a credit card so we MUST have a pre paid cell phone, which as we all know is the most expensive type. It seems the less money a family has, the more we must pay for the same services and conveniences / peace of mind most folks take for granted. With our pre paid cell phone (for emergency purposes) we pay aprox. .69 cents per minute! DOUBLE that if the phone "roams". While everyone else is getting rich from the wireless industry, more and more familys are getting poorer!
HOW DO YOU JUSTIFY THAT? ANY RATE HIKE MAKES THESE NESSESSARY ITEMS OUT OF REACH!

Put yourselves in our shoes for one week, I will wager you could not make it the whole seven days!

How are y'all going to feel when / if my wife and our childrens mother has another stroke and I can not be reached (it is on file with our local 911 emergency services) because we can no longer afford this peace of mind cell phone??

AND I WILL LET FOLKS KNOW IN THE EVENT THIS OCCURS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Reverend Shawn Conley, Burlington, VT.

Sincerely,

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